

Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons

Trafficking of persons is basically the buying, transporting, and selling of a human being for labor or sex.

The Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons was established by the Connecticut General Assembly in 2004 by Special Act 04-8. It includes elected officials, law enforcement officials, leaders of state agencies, and community-based advocates and providers of services to victims. The job of the Task Force is to research the extent of trafficking in Connecticut as well as determine what services are available to victims and how well equipped Connecticut law enforcement agencies are to deal with the problem.

The Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons shall:

- (1) Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of trafficking in persons in the state;
 - (2) Investigate collaborative models for protecting victims of trafficking;
 - (3) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in (A) preventing trafficking, (B) protecting and providing assistance to victims of trafficking, and (C) prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking;
 - (4) Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not limited to, health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation;
 - (5) Evaluate approaches to increase public awareness of trafficking;
 - (6) Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new statutes that specifically define and address trafficking; and
 - (7) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims of trafficking and prosecute traffickers.
- (e) All state and local agencies shall cooperate with the task force and provide such data and other information as the task force may require in carrying out its duties under this section.
- (f) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes not later than January 1, 2006.